

# **Livvy R. Floren**

## *Biography*

State Representative Livvy R. Floren's leadership skills and her ability to work with legislators on both sides of the aisle have made her an especially effective voice in Hartford for her Greenwich and Stamford constituents at the Connecticut General Assembly.

Rep. Floren's record of achievement on the Government Administration and Elections Committee led House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward, R-Northford, to appoint her as the House Ranking member (Republican Leader) on the committee for the 2003 - 2004 and 2005 – 2006 legislative sessions.

She also serves on the General Assembly's Government Administration and Elections Committee and on the Select Committee on Aging.

Under an act originally proposed by Representative Floren during the 2004 legislative session, water companies are encouraged to sell land adjacent to their reservoirs to buyers who will preserve the properties for passive recreation and open space rather than developing them for commercial or residential uses (Public Act 04-200).

Representative Floren also proposed a measure (which was included in House Bill 5801) under which no reservoir can be abandoned unless the Commissioner of Public Health determines it will not be necessary to meet the future water supply needs of the state.

During her 2001-2002 term, legislation initiated by Representative Floren to preserve as open space a 14.6-acre parcel of state land in north Stamford became a reality with the enactment of the 2002 conveyance act (Special Act 02-9), which she cosponsored.

The act transferred the property from the state to the City of Stamford, which is to preserve it as open space. The parcel is about two-tenths of a mile from the Mianus River, close to the Mianus River Greenway, and will be a natural addition to it.

The State Bond Commission also approved funding Representative Floren helped secure for three projects of importance to Greenwich and Stamford. They are:

- Funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 to purchase 10 buses to provide service for Fairfield County commuters. The buses will make public transportation between towns like Greenwich, Stamford and New Canaan more convenient, efficient and attractive.
- A \$175,000 grant for The Bruce Museum to fund an architectural study to determine the museum's long-term needs. The museum has grown rapidly over the past few years and its galleries and classrooms are often overcrowded and its collections and exhibition areas have been stretched to capacity.

- A \$40,000 grant for the Transportation Association of Greenwich to purchase a new van which will enable TAG to continue providing quality transportation services to seniors, disabled residents and children.
- A \$300,000 grant that will help pay for construction of the Early Head Start First Steps Infant and Toddler Care Center at Armstrong Court in Greenwich.
- Grants totalling \$4,229,919 and \$142,981 to pay for Phase II of the revitalization of the Southfield Village housing complex in Stamford.
- A \$10,938,701 grant to help pay for upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant in Greenwich to improve bio-solid (sludge) treatment and reduce odor.
- A law enforcement grant totaling \$17,090 that will be used by the Greenwich Police Department to buy a new boat to replace one of its two aging crafts, which are used to patrol the town's shoreline and harbors.

The Bond Commission also approved funding for highway projects in both Greenwich and Stamford. They include:

- Route 15 resurfacing, bridge and safety improvements; vicinity of Byram River to Greenwich-Stamford Town Line, \$20,000,000.
- Realignment of a short, curved section of King Street in Greenwich, \$500,000.
- Realignment of Summer Street in Stamford to improve safety, \$275,000.
- Replacement of Valley Road Bridge over the Mianus River in Greenwich, \$1,050,000.
- Rehabilitation of Bridge over Byram River in Greenwich, \$5,000,000.

In addition, Representative Floren cosponsored a law (Public Act 02-95) that established one-year moratoriums on final approval by state agencies of proposals to build overhead electricity transmission lines from Bethel to Norwalk and energy and telecommunications lines under the Long Island Sound seabed between Connecticut and Long Island.

Representative Floren serves with a variety of community organizations and has been active in local government and politics for many years. She understands the special needs and challenges facing the 149th District and is committed to deal with them.

Representative Floren is a former member of the Greenwich Board of Estimate and Taxation. She also served two terms as a member of the Greenwich Representative Town Meeting. She is a member and former treasurer of the Greenwich Republican Town Committee.

Representative Floren's civic involvement includes: the Adopt-A-Dog capital campaign committee; the Air Conservation Trust Board of Trustees; the Audubon Society's capital campaign committee; co-chair of the Boys and Girls State Commission; the Distinguished Teachers Award Committee; chair of Greenwich Country Day School's 75th Celebration; and the YMCA's capital campaign steering committee.

She formerly served as a trustee for Community Answers; a trustee for the Garden Education Center; a trustee for the Greenwich Community Fund; Board President for The

Greenwich Country Day School; President of the Greenwich High School PTA; a Greenwich Library trustee; treasurer for the Hortulus Garden Club; a Round Hill Community Church trustee; Round Hill Nursery School's Board President and as a member of the YWCA's nominating committee.

Representative Floren was employed as a public relations manager for Reddy Communications, Inc. from 1964 to 1986. She has been a substitute teacher for grades 4 through 6 at The Greenwich Country Day School since 1986.

Representative Floren graduated from Vassar College with an AB in economics; from Adelphi University with an MBA in finance; and completed all course work for an MAT from Manhattanville College.

A Greenwich resident for 33 years, she has been married to Doug Floren for 38 years. The Florens have four children: Jenny, Melissa, David and Clay.